



2012 Budget cuts show what the HARPER government DOESN'T CARE about:

- Food safety – eliminating hundreds of jobs from the Canadian Food Inspection Agency. This could affect your health! *22 Canadians died in 2008 because of contaminated Maple Leaf luncheon meat.*
- Seniors – gradually raising the eligibility age for Old Age Security from 65 to 67. Forcing seniors to work more years is unfair, disrespectful and could harm their health.
- Farmers – Agriculture is one of the hardest hit departments. *Having destroyed the Canadian Wheat Board, Harper is closing down the PFRA which has protected Saskatchewan farm land by supplying shelterbelt trees since the 1930s.*



Nettie Wiebe and Jim Robbins congratulate new NDP leader Thomas Mulcair and his wife Catherine hours after his victory on March 24, 2012

- Environment – changing regulations to promote resource extraction without fully assessing environmental harm. *Don't clean water and air matter more than bigger oil company profits?*
- Canadian culture – cutting the CBC by 10%. This will hurt Saskatchewan programming.

Your Electoral District NDP Executive

President: Grant McMurray
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SASKATOON ROSETOWN BIGGAR NDP 2012 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Saskatoon Rosetown Biggar New Democratic Party Federal Electoral District Association will be held:

Date: Wednesday, May 23rd, 2012
Place: Mayfair United Church Hall
 902 33rd Street West
 Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
Time: Registration: 6:30 PM
 Call to Order: 7:00 PM

All members in good standing of the New Democratic Party residing within the Saskatoon Rosetown Biggar Electoral District shall be eligible to attend and vote at the Annual Meeting. Anyone on the active membership list can renew at the door. New memberships must be in to Provincial Office by the end of office hours on Friday, May 11th, 2012. The active membership list will include those having held a membership in 2009 or more recently. Anyone whose last membership was in 2008 or earlier will be considered a new member.

The business of the meeting will be:

- To receive reports from some of the Executive Officers.
- To select members to serve on the Electoral District Association Executive until our next annual meeting.

Coffee and refreshments will follow.

Ryan Meili will make a presentation on his newly released book, *A Healthy Society: How a Focus on Health Care Can Revive Canadian Democracy*. Ryan will be available for questions and copies of the book will be on sale.

A local lawyer will also bring important information about the upcoming court case on Conservative election fraud in our riding.

(see page 2 for more details)



Robo-call Scandal



There has been a growing number of voter suppression complaints from ridings across Canada. SRB was clearly a tight and targeted riding. If you have any recollections or accounts of fraudulent calls during the campaign, please report them to Elections Canada. They have set up an easy way to file at:

<http://elections.ca/commissioner/complaint.aspx?lang=e>

Elections Canada needs to know as much as possible about the conduct of the Conservatives during the last election - and the Harper government is nothing if not secretive - so your help is needed. If you know of anyone else who might have useful information, please encourage them to submit it.

In addition, the Council of Canadians announced on March 27, 2012 that it is supporting applications under the Canada Elections Act by individual Canadians seeking to overturn federal election results in seven closely fought ridings. The ridings are Don Valley East, Elmwood-Transcona, Nipissing-Tamiskaming, SASKATOON-ROSETOWN-BIGGAR, Vancouver Island North, Winnipeg South Centre and Yukon. The legal actions to annul results are based on evidence of irregularities, fraud and other activities which affected the outcome of the elections.

If you or someone you know has been the victim of misleading or harassing actions around the 2011 federal election, the Council of Canadians would like to hear from you. Please go to <http://www.canadians.org/election/survey/index.html> and fill out the online form.

Thank you!

AGM Presentation:

Ryan Meili is a family doctor at the West Side Community Clinic in Saskatoon. He also works for the College of Medicine at the U of S as head of the Division of Social Accountability, where he's responsible for helping ensure that Saskatchewan's future doctors are equipped to meet the health needs of the diverse communities they will serve. Ryan also serves as vice-chair of the national advocacy organization, Canadian Doctors for Medicare.

He recently published his first book *A Healthy Society: how a focus on health can revive Canadian democracy* with Purich Publishing of Saskatoon.

From its inception, Ryan has been involved in the Student Wellness Initiative Toward Community Health (SWITCH) a student-run, interdisciplinary, inner-city clinic. Ryan also runs the College of Medicine's Making the Links program, which gives medical students the opportunity to work in Northern Saskatchewan, at SWITCH, and in the rural communities of Mozambique.



Ryan lives in Saskatoon with his wife, Mahli, who is training to be a pediatrician, and their son, Abraham.



Welcome to New Members



The Executive of the Saskatoon Rosetown Biggar (SRB) New Democrats would like to welcome the many new members we now have as a result of interest in the recent leadership contest. We hope that you will become further involved as we work alongside Thomas Mulcair to make the move from Official Opposition to form government in 2015. We have an excellent chance here in SRB to contribute to that so please contact us to lend your help and support.

How All Members Can Help

For the benefit of members, new and old, let me say a bit about the task at hand. We need to strengthen our local organization to take the fight to the Conservatives in the lead-up to and during the next election. We need your participation, your ideas and any financial help you can contribute to this effort.

Your Participation – start by attending our Annual General Meeting (on front page) to meet fellow New Democrats and hear our guest speakers.

Your Ideas – become a member of the local team to add your voice to the others here in SRB that are working toward victory in 2015.

Financial Help – as you fill in your tax return at this time of year be reminded of the tax credit available to you for contributions you make to the Saskatoon Rosetown Biggar New Democrats. Here are some details:

- You will get a 75% credit on any amount up to a \$400 contribution (up to a \$300 reduction in tax you have to pay) – there are diminishing credits for larger amounts
- All the money you contribute to SRB New Democrats stays here to help win this seat
- A monthly contribution will add up a significant number by year end so consider filling in and returning the enclosed PAC form
- Make a one-time contribution either by sending a cheque with the enclosed donation form or make a safe and secure online contribution at www.srbndp.ca/donate